

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
Family Worship
October 7, 2018

10:00 A.M.

White



Prelude

Reflection – by Greg Sewell

Festive Processional – by Greg Sewell

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Informal Moments

Introit

*Call to Worship

L: On this World Communion Sunday, we come and worship our God.

P: We worship God with people around the world, regardless of our differences, longing to be one.

L: We worship God, whom our ancestors celebrated and praised!

P: We lift up joyful songs, joining a chorus which transcends time and space.

L: We gather as the church that was, is, and will forever be Christ's Church.

P: With joy, we come and worship!

*Opening Hymn

I Come with Joy

No. 313

Unison Prayer of Confession and Lord's Prayer

Most Merciful God, we confess that we do not always accept one another as your beloved children. At times, we use our thoughts, words, and deeds to enforce divisions among us. Forgive us for not living in unity. Forgive us for not accepting one another. Transform our hearts to long for you, for wholeness, and for uniting love in our world. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us

to pray saying, “Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”

Words of Assurance

Scripture

Mark 6:30-44

Becky Lenz, reader

Time for Children

(The children remain in worship with their families.)

*Hymn

Break Thou the Bread of Life

No. 294

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

Lyrisch Stück – by Gustav Adolph Merkel

*Doxology

No. 44

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen***

(As our morning offerings are brought forward, so too are the non-perishable food offerings from the basket in the Narthex for St. Philip's Food Pantry.)

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Good and Gracious God, bless the offerings that we give. May they strengthen the ministries of this church which proclaim your love and light to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sermon

“A Wide Welcome”

Rev. Josh Fitterling

Anthem *Sing Out Your Song, Christians of the World* – by Don Besig

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Communion Prayer & Consecration

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Dear God, we give you thanks for this simple and sacred meal.

Through it, may we be strengthened to welcome and serve as you call us into our work in the world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

We, Your People, God, Confessing

No. 384

*Benediction

*Congregational Benediction *Go Now In Peace (in the back of the hymnal)*

Postlude *Forward Through the Ages* – by Arthur S. Sullivan,
arr. by Lyndell Leatherman



*All who are able may stand.

All are invited to join us after worship for coffee
and birthday cake in Fellowship Hall.

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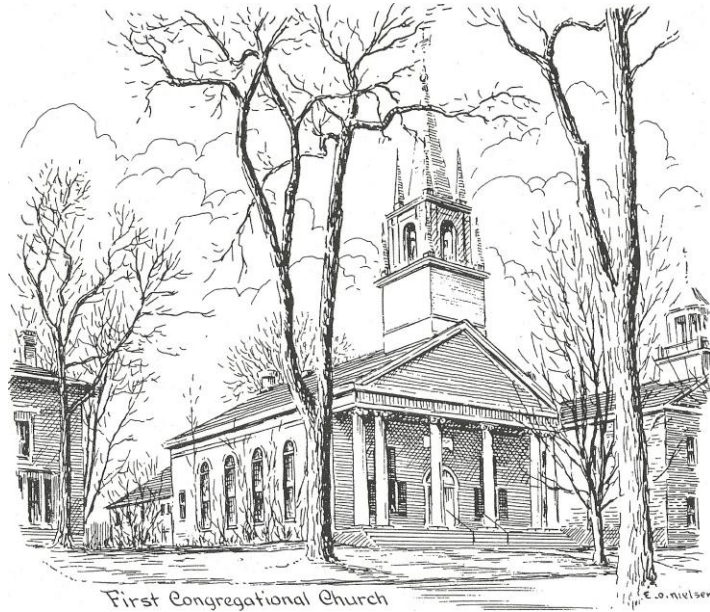
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We welcome you to the First Congregational Church of Wiscasset.
We are an open and affirming congregation and are open theologically,
growing spiritually, and concerned socially.



Those Serving You Today
Ushers: Becky & David Lenz
Flowers: Ron Sanchez & Tom Cramer
Communion Servers: Becky Lenz, Linda Wallace,
Sarah Whitfield, Jim Nelon
Communion Bread: Julie Bellefleur
Coffee Hour Servers: Men of the Church

Announcements

If you have a **prayer request**, please enter it in the book at the rear of the sanctuary. The book will be brought forward during the first hymn.

If you have **Bulletin Announcements**, please send them to the office by Wednesday of each week to be included the following Sunday.

Today: Communion and Family Worship 10am
Neighbors in Need Offering
Birthday Sunday
Vitality Focus Group 12pm at Sarah's Cafe
No Bible Study

Oct. 8: OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY
Game Night 6pm

Oct. 9: Healthy Kids Play Group 10am-12pm
Sheepscot Valley Chorus 7pm

Oct. 10: Organ Society 9:30am
No Bible Study

Oct. 11: Choir Rehearsal 4pm

Oct. 13: Oktoberfest 10am-2pm

Oct. 14: Worship and Church School 10am
First Responders Appreciation Sunday
Bible Study on Romans 7pm

Neighbors in Need Special Offering Today

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. NIN grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice.

Office Closed Monday, Oct. 8

The church office will be closed on Monday, October 8, in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.

Oktoberfest—Oct. 13, 10am-2pm

Much fun will be had by all and we hope you can join us for a yard sale, Organ Society crafts, limited Silent Auction items, apples, hot drinks, baked goods, pumpkins, and bratwurst and sauerkraut and hot dogs with chips. Bring friends!

First Responders Appreciation Sunday—Oct. 14th, 10am

Join us as we take time to recognize, honor, and bless the first responders in our community for all that they do to serve us and our neighbors. All first responders are invited to wear their dress uniforms and join us for this special service!

Romans Bible Study—Oct. 14th-Oct. 24th

The final two weeks of the Romans Bible Study are coming up starting Sunday, Oct. 14th. There are two opportunities each week to join us!

Session 1 – Sunday, October 14th at 7pm or Wednesday, October 17th at 11:30am. *We will be studying Romans 13 & 14.*

Session 2 – Sunday, October 21st at 7pm or Wednesday, October 24th at 11:30am. *We will be studying Romans 15 & 16, concluding the book of Romans.*

Whether you have been studying with us from Chapter 1 or would like to jump in now, all are welcome! Contact Rev. Josh at 207-882-7544 or

joshfitterling@myfairpoint.net with any questions.